FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I apply if my community or organization is outside of the SNEP region?
Unfortunately, to be eligible to apply your community or organization must be within the SNEP region or work with communities in the SNEP region.

Can a community submit an application with multiple communities?
Yes! We encourage communities to join together and apply together as one to benefit from similar assistance.

In order to be eligible, do the communities/organizations have to have participated in previous rounds?
No, the communities do not have to be communities that participated in previous rounds.

How many awards are being given out in the round?
The awards given out this round will vary depending on the applications we receive and the amount of technical assistance requested.

Does the Network grant funds for a project?
The University of Southern Maine, who administers the SNEP Network, is not a grant making agency. Instead, the SNEP Network awards technical assistance. The SNEP Network offers technical assistance to build capacity to help communities figure out what's the right path is for them. If a distinct task is needed such as a modeling effort or a design, the Network can utilize it's consultant pool funds to provide consultant services at no cost to your community.

Does building capacity include funding people to manage projects?
No, there is no direct funding for people to manage the project. The Network partners will work with the communities to build their local capacity.

Could the technical assistance awarded count as match for funding for other opportunities?
Since we are a federally funded program, SNEP technical assistance cannot be counted as match for federal grants.

How developed does the project need to be in order to be qualified? Can it be in a primary stage of development or design?
It is fine to have a project that is not well developed, but we don't want to do "one-offs". We would like to see continuity that builds towards sustainable stormwater management and climate resilience. It is more important to identify objectives and goals you would like to achieve. Network partners can help you scope out and move the project forward.

How does the SNEP Network define solutions? Is the community obliged to get funding to implement the recommended actions?
The Network works intentionally with communities to identify options based on the community's needs and specific situation, and to develop solutions that are feasible for the community to implement. If requested, the SNEP Network will work with communities to identify potential funding and financing options to advance implementation of the recommended action(s).

Is there a specific expectation/parameter of a timeline for projects that are expected?
The SNEP Network does try to complete the project within the federal fiscal year (October 1st, 2025-September 30th, 2026). However, we are flexible with the timeline a project can be completed.